

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Observatory Heights Historic District Inventory Number: M: 21-185
Address: _____ Historic district: ☒ yes ☐ no
City: Gaithersburg Zip Code: 20877 County: Montgomery
USGS Quadrangle(s): Gaithersburg
Property Owner: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: FT51, FT41
Project: TEA-21 DOE Agency: Maryland Historical Trust
Agency Prepared By: Maryland Historical Trust
Preparer's Name: Tania Tully Date Prepared: 5/31/2004
Documentation is presented in: _____
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no
Site visit by MHT Staff ☒ yes ☐ no Name: Tania Georgiou Tully Date: 1/22/2004

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Observatory Heights Historic District is a small early twentieth century residential neighborhood located within the City of Gaithersburg. Bounded roughly by South Frederick Avenue, De Sellum Avenue, and James Street, the district is comprised primarily of residential buildings. There are also several religious facilities and a few residential buildings that have been converted to commercial use. The period of significance for the district extends from 1881 through 1954, with most of the district developed by 1949. The residential buildings are located along a grid pattern of narrow tree-lined streets. The diverse assortment of architectural styles and periods comprising the district are characteristic of early suburban neighborhoods.

The Observatory Heights Historic District is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C as a representative example of an early residential suburban neighborhood. Neighborhoods like Observatory Heights should include 1) a cohesive grouping of buildings by function, construction date and architectural styles; 2) community landscape features such as sidewalks, streetlights and mature vegetation; 3) consistent lot sizes and building set-backs; and 4) location along or near major transportation corridors. The Observatory Heights neighborhood possesses integrity of the above-listed elements of community design, location and architecture. The neighborhood is a cohesive grouping of buildings with a common function that illustrate various periods of construction and architectural styles.

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Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐
Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
MHT Comments: See list of contributing and non-contributing resources.

Tania Georgiou Tully
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Peter Kurtze
Reviewer, National Register Program

Tuesday, June 01, 2004

Date

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Date

Observatory Heights is important historically for its association with typical patterns of suburban development. It is architecturally significant as a residential neighborhood exhibiting late nineteenth century through mid-twentieth century design characteristics that represent several periods of expansion in the community. The structures represent popular residential building styles including vernacular examples of Victorian, Colonial Revival and Craftsman-styles. It is the varied residential building styles and periods that architecturally characterize the streets of Observatory Heights.

Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. Investigations have not been conducted to determine whether the community has the potential to yield information important in history or pre-history, therefore, National Register Criterion D can not be assessed at this time.

The National Register boundary for the Observatory Heights Historic District was delineated to encompass all of the residential neighborhood that resulted from the subdivision of the DeSillum's Summit Hall Farm beginning in 1887. The boundary was drawn to include all contributing structures constructed within the district's period of significance from 1881 through 1954. The boundary includes tax parcels along South Frederick Avenue, South Summit Avenue, James Street, George Street, Cedar Avenue and DeSillum Avenue. Of the 69 resources within the Observatory Heights Historic District, 64 properties contribute to the significance of the district, while five do not contribute. Twenty-nine resources within the district have been previously surveyed (see list of Contributing and Non-contributing Resources).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEWEligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Observatory Heights Historic District (preferred)

other

2. Location

street and number _____ not for publication

city, town Gaithersburg _____ vicinity

county Montgomery County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Multiple ownership

street and number _____ telephone _____

city, town Gaithersburg state MD zip code 20877

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. _____ liber folio

city, town _____ tax map _____ tax parcel _____ tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☒ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	64	5 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	64	5 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			29	

7. Description

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Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The residential buildings are located along a grid pattern of narrow tree-lined streets. The diverse assortment of architectural styles and periods comprising the district are characteristic of early suburban neighborhoods. Of the 69 resources within the Observatory Heights Historic District, 64 properties contribute to the significance of the district, while five do not contribute. Twenty-nine resources within the district have been previously surveyed (see list of *Contributing and Non-contributing Resources*).

Initially developed with large Victorian era and Colonial Revival style homes, later development is characterized by more modest Four-squares, bungalows and vernacular cottages. The residences were constructed by lot owners or speculative builders as the seven estates originally comprising the area were subdivided. The streets are characterized by mature vegetation, consistent set-back of houses and a wide range of building styles. Most buildings are wood-frame, though a few brick and stucco-sided examples exist. Porches are prevalent throughout the neighborhood. The houses also exhibit a relatively high level material integrity.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates 1889, 1911

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Observatory Heights Historic District is significant in the development of Gaithersburg as one of the earliest residential neighborhoods. Subdivided from land originally part of the Summit Hall Farm, Observatory Heights contains a mixture of house types and styles including Victorian, Colonial Revival, Foursquare, Cape Cod and Post War Cottages. The varied house styles reflects the multiple periods of development in the district from 1881 through the 1950s. The district maintains its integrity of location, setting, association, materials, and design.

The land comprising Observatory Heights was all originally owned by John T. and Sarah DeSellum, children of James and Catherine Fulks DeSellum, who patented the 251.5 acres as "Summit Hall" in 1859. Descendants of one of the first settlers of Gaithersburg, the DeSellums were patrons of the burgeoning town. Since neither John T. DeSellum, a farmer and businessman, nor his sister, Sarah married, they directed their philanthropic efforts towards the development of the town. The pair helped fund the construction of the Presbyterian Meeting House at 446 North Frederick Avenue in 1847 (now demolished) and in 1859 they donated land on Frederick Road for the construction of a new school. The school, of which John T. DeSellum was a trustee, was demolished in 1882 with the land reverting back to the DeSellums. Although a Presbyterian, in 1881 John T. DeSellum donated the land at the southeast corner of Frederick Avenue and South Summit Avenue for the construction of an Episcopal Church. The small frame church was constructed in 1882 and is the oldest church building in the City of Gaithersburg (M: 21-136).

In 1874, the arrival of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad triggered the construction of South Summit Avenue, the eastern border of the district, in order to connect Goshen Road and Diamond Avenue to Frederick Avenue. This road created a great view towards DeSellum's land and likely prompted his desire for "grand houses on sweeping lawns" on the land now occupied by Observatory Heights.

In 1880 John T. DeSellum began selling parcels of Summit Hall Farm along South Frederick Avenue for the construction of individual estates. By 1887 the land between George Street and South Frederick Avenue, from South Summit Avenue to Spring Street was subdivided into six parcels (See Attachment 1). A thirteen acre seventh parcel, at the intersection of Frederick Avenue and Diamond Avenue, had been sold to Remus George Dorsey in 1877. R.G. Dorsey's house was demolished in 1978 and the site is now the location of Barron's Lumber. The parcel known locally as Parcel 6 is also outside of the district boundaries since it was developed by a complex of garden apartments in the 1960s.

Parcels three and four were purchased by Philemon Smith beginning in 1881. Smith was a business associate of John DeSellum who was taking advantage of the arrival of the B&O Railroad. Eliza Smith, his wife, purchased an additional 13 acres of land to supplement her purchase of Parcel 5 in 1880. It was here that she built the house at 14 Cedar Avenue. Parcel 3, was sold to Rev. James L. Lodge in 1883, who with his wife Alice Warfield, built a house they called Arnmore (110 South Frederick Avenue). It is the only house from the original parcels sold by the DeSellums that still sits on its original lot. Rev. Lodge was a Baptist minister who substituted at the local Episcopalian and Methodists churches due to the lack of a Baptist Church in Gaithersburg. The Sisters of Notre Dame De Namur established St. Martin's School in 1925. The school, associated with St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic

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Church was the first Catholic parochial school in Montgomery County. Arnmore, which became known as The Convent, housed the teaching sisters and was the site of athletic games.

Ignatius Thomas Fulks purchased Summit Hall, a total of 163 acres (including Parcels 1 and 2), from his distant relatives, the DeSellums, in 1886. They began selling their land in 1887 when 206 South Frederick Avenue was purchased by Lee Davis Lodge, a professor of French Language and Literature at Columbian University in Washington, D.C. Lodge likely built this house for his wife, Lelia White, as their first home. L.D. Lodge sold three acres from the rear of his lot to James L. Lodge in 1888 who then sold the property to Sylvester R.F. Sterick. Sterick built the Victorian house anticipating financial success with his invention "Lawnquet," an outdoor ball tossing game. Due to financial losses with the Lawnquet Company, the bank foreclosed on Sterick and he lost the title to his house. Mary Verlinda Chapman and Darius and Mary Thompson purchased the house in 1904. In 1944 the size of the lot was reduced to 1.1 acres and by 1949 a house at 17 DeSellum Avenue. Census records suggest that the house James and Annie Jackson rented from J.L. Lodge in 1900 is the one at 23 DeSellum Avenue. James Jackson was a railroad car cleaner and lived in the house with his son, Louis along with his wife. By 1920 the property was owned by the Thompson sisters, Myra and Sarah, who sold the property to Elizabeth McFarland. Ms. McFarland added the garden pools, common features for that era. The houses at 11 and 15 DeSellum were constructed in 1957 and 1951, respectively, leaving the Sterick house with only a third of an acre.

The land contained in Parcel 1 was surveyed and subdivided by I.T. and Elizabeth Fulks in 1889. This grouping of smaller lots was known as "Summit Park," though the plat was never recorded. Over the years these smaller lots were sold mostly to other Fulks family members. In 1896, 1898 and 1899, Mary DeHales Upton purchased several lots in order construct the house at 202 South Summit Avenue. I.T. and Elizabeth Fulks sold land to their son and his wife Thomas Iraneus and Elizabeth Fulks who built the Queen Anne style house at 208 South Frederick Avenue in 1897. T.I Fulks served on the Gaithersburg Town Council from 1898 to 1906 and was a successful businessman and farmer. Rosa Blanche Severance, daughter of I.T. and Elizabeth Fulks, and her husband Frank, purchased several acres of Summit Park in 1902 and 1903. Frank Severance was an active banker who helped found the Citizens Building and Loan Association in 1929 and remained active on the board until at least 1961. Severance also served on the Gaithersburg Town Council from 1924 until 1932, founded the Volunteer Fire Department and was active in several civic groups. Rosa Severance's purchase of Mrs. Upton's property in 1906 increased the Severance's land holdings to include all of the north side of the 200 block of Summit Avenue. Shortly before her Rosa's death in 1954, the southernmost part of their land was divided in to three smaller lots.

Eliza Smith died sometime before 1897; and after Philemon's death in 1909, their land exchanged hands resulting once again in single ownership. By 1910 Charles E. Brinkerhoff of Kensington, Maryland owned the eight acres of Parcels 4 and 5 and the thirteen adjacent acres to the southwest. In 1911 Brinkerhoff subdivided the land into 76 lots ranging in size from 7,500 to 11,000 square feet, with some larger lots near West Diamond Avenue. This land was recorded as "Observatory Heights Addition to the Town of Gaithersburg," included George Street, James Street, Spring Street, and Cedar Avenue, and is largely contained within the extant historic district. The Observatory Heights Addition was named for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Observatory, a National Historic Landmark, located at 100 De Sellum Avenue. Olivia R. Meyers purchased the Smith House and part of Parcel 4 from the Brinkerhoffs in 1911 and eventually owned the entire Parcel. In 1946 Ms. Meyers began selling parts of the parcel for new homes and in 1951 sold her home to Edgar Meritt and Hazel Douglas.

By 1929 William J. Lewis owned the lots located between James and George Streets. The Mt. Airy Bank foreclosed on Mr. Lewis in 1933 and did not release the property until 1943. A few houses were built in Observatory Heights after 1933, but most new development occurred after the bank released the land. By 1940 only 39 houses were in Observatory Heights proper. The WWII Cape Cods and ramblers were built at this time. Most of the district was developed by 1949.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Christensen, Judith. "History of Observatory Heights" (Gaithersburg, Maryland: City of Gaithersburg Planning and Zoning Administration, draft May 1996)

Gaithersburg: The Heart of Montgomery County: A History Commemorating Gaithersburg's Charter Centennial (Gaithersburg, Maryland: The City of Gaithersburg, 1978)

Sanborn Maps, May 1930, June 1949

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 37
Acreage of historical setting 41
Quadrangle name Gaithersburg

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Tania Georgiou Tully, Preservation Officer		
organization	Maryland Historical Trust	date	March 2004
street & number	100 Community Place	telephone	410-514-7636
city or town	Crownsville	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

Contributing & Noncontributing Resources

District Name: Observatory Heights Historic District

Inventory Number: M: 21-185

Property Address	Tax Map	Tax Parcel	Contributing Resource?	Inventory Number of Property
101 Cedar Avenue	FT51	212-25	Contributing	
102 Cedar Avenue	FT51	N376	Noncontributing	
103 Cedar Avenue	FT51	212-25	Contributing	M: 21-94
104 Cedar Avenue	FT51	N380	Contributing	
106 Cedar Avenue	FT51	N379	Contributing	M: 21-95
108 Cedar Avenue	FT51	N432	Contributing	
11 Cedar Avenue	FT51	212-59	Contributing	
13 Cedar Avenue	FT51	212-58	Contributing	M: 21-98
14 Cedar Avenue	FT51	212-76	Contributing	M: 21-99
15 Cedar Avenue	FT51	212-57	Contributing	
16 Cedar Avenue	FT51	212-76	Noncontributing	
17 Cedar Avenue	FT51	212-56	Contributing	M: 21-100
19 Cedar Avenue	FT51	212-55	Contributing	M: 21-102
2 Cedar Avenue	FT51	212-71	Contributing	
21 Cedar Avenue	FT51	N374	Contributing	M: 21-92
23 Cedar Avenue	FT51	N383	Contributing	
25 Cedar Avenue	FT51	N382	Contributing	M: 21-93
4 Cedar Avenue	FT51	212-73	Contributing	
5 Cedar Avenue	FT51	212-62	Contributing	M: 21-96
6 Cedar Avenue	FT51	212-74	Contributing	
7 Cedar Avenue	FT51	212-61	Contributing	M: 21-97
9 Cedar Avenue	FT51	212-60	Contributing	
10 Desellum Avenue	FT51	371?	Contributing	M: 21-140
11 Desellum Avenue	FT51	388	Noncontributing	
13 Desellum Avenue	FT51	387	Contributing	M: 21-108
15 Desellum Avenue	FT51	423	Contributing	
17 Desellum Avenue	FT51	424	Contributing	
19 Desellum Avenue	FT51	425	Contributing	

Contributing & Noncontributing Resources

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Inventory Number: M: 21-185

Property Address	Tax Map	Tax Parcel	Contributing Resource?	Inventory Number of Property
21 Desellum Avenue	FT51	440	Contributing	
23 Desellum Avenue	FT51	479	Contributing	M: 21-107
50 Desellum Avenue	FT51	212-21	Noncontributing	
9 Desellum Avenue	FT51	368?	Contributing	
102 S Frederick Avenue	FT51	65	Contributing	M: 21-125
106 S Frederick Avenue	FT51	212-88	Contributing	M: 21-126
110 S Frederick Avenue	FT51	371	Contributing	
208 S Frederick Avenue	FT51	390	Contributing	M: 21-129
212 S Frederick Avenue	FT51	3	Contributing	M: 21-150
10 George Street	FT51	212-46	Contributing	M: 21-143
102 George Street	FT51	212-41	Contributing	
104 George Street	FT51	212-40	Contributing	
106 George Street	FT51	212-39	Contributing	
108 George Street	FT51	212-38	Contributing	
110 George Street	FT41	212-37	Contributing	
12 George Street	FT51	212-45	Contributing	M: 21-144
14 George Street	FT51	212-44	Contributing	
2 George Street	FT51	212-50	Contributing	M: 21-109
6 George Street	FT51	212-48	Contributing	M: 21-110
8 George Street	FT51	212-47	Contributing	
10 James Street	FT51	212-18	Contributing	
102 James Street	FT41	212-16	Contributing	M: 21-146
103 James Street	FT51	212-29	Contributing	
104 James Street	FT41	212-15	Contributing	
104A James Street	FT41	212-14	Noncontributing	
105 James Street	FT41	212-30	Contributing	M: 21-112
106 James Street	FT41	212-13	Contributing	
107 James Street	FT41	212-31	Contributing	M: 21-113

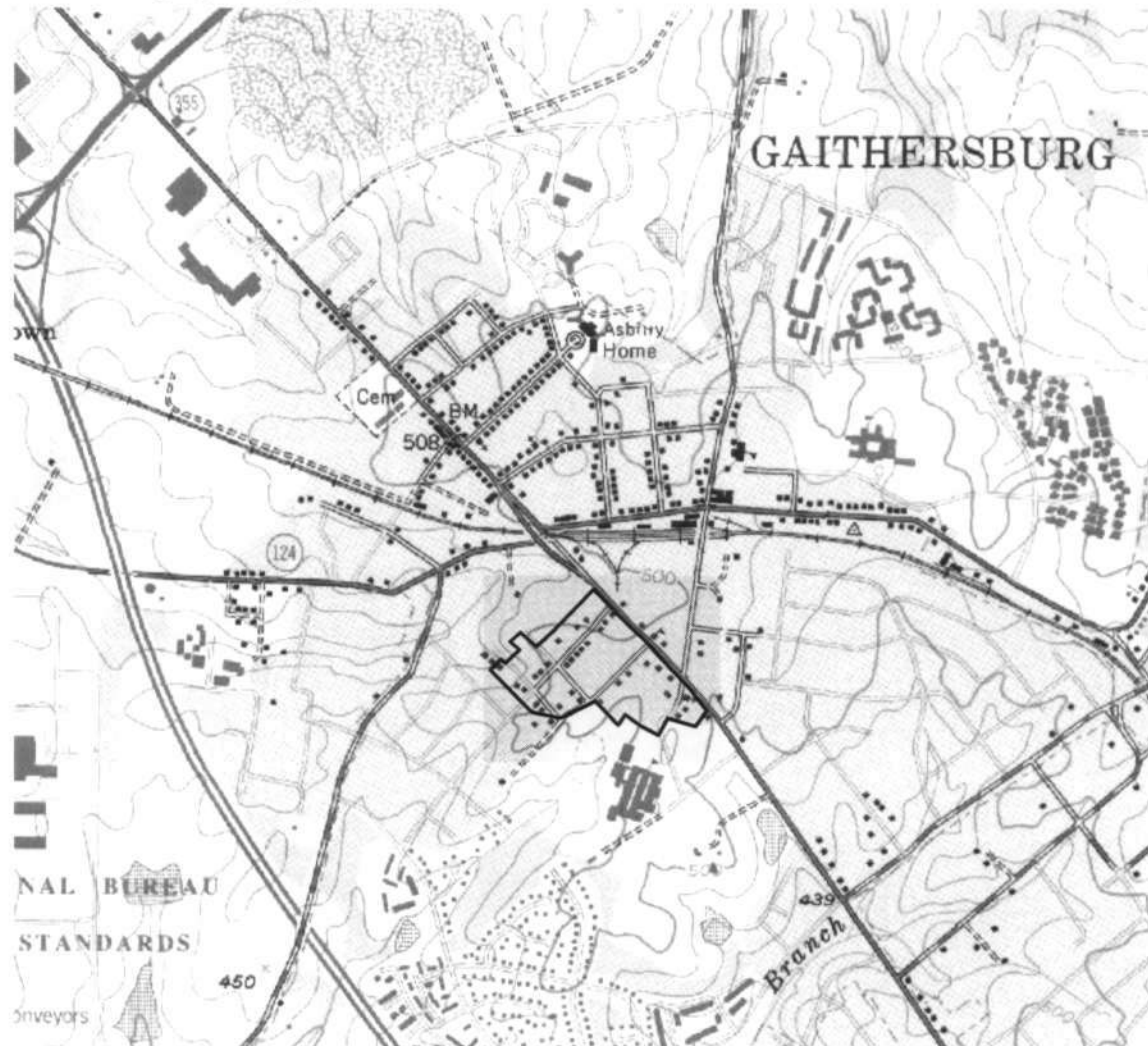
Contributing & Noncontributing Resources

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Property Address	Tax Map	Tax Parcel	Contributing Resource?	Inventory Number of Property
110 James Street	FT41	212-12	Contributing	
112 James Street	FT41	212-11	Contributing	M: 21-114
2 James Street	FT51	212-23	Contributing	M: 21-111
4 James Street	FT51	212-20	Contributing	M: 21-145
5 James Street	FT51	212-22	Contributing	
6 James Street	FT51	212-20	Contributing	
7 James Street	FT51	212-24	Contributing	
8 James Street	FT51	212-19	Contributing	
201 Summit Avenue	FT51	N472	Contributing	M: 21-136
202 Summit Avenue	FT51	445	Contributing	M: 21-158
206 Summit Avenue	FT51	475	Contributing	
208 Summit Avenue	FT51	498	Contributing	
210 Summit Avenue	FT51	496	Contributing	

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Montgomery County
Gaithersburg Quadrangle





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Montgomery County, MD

Tim Tamborrino

1/22/04

MD SHPO

St. Martin's Catholic Church owned house, 110 S Frederick Ave
view towards SW

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Mo Co, MD

Tim Tamburrino

1/22/04

MD SHPO

25, 23 + 21 Cedar Avenue @ George St. NE Corner of
Intersection M: 21-93, M: 21-92

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M: 21-185

Observatory Heights Historic District

Montgomery Co, MD

Tim Tamburrino

1/22/04

MD SHPO

43 Cedar + 12 George
(M: 21-144)

- SE corner of intersection

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Mr. 21-185

Observatory Heights H.D.

Montgomery Co, MD

Tim Tamburino

1/22/04

MD SAPO

108 and 106 Cedar Ave (NW Corner of Janes & Cedar)
(Mr. 21-95)

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M.21-185

Observatory Heights H.D.,
Montgomery County, MD

Tim Tamburino

1/22/04

MD SHPO

15, 13 & 11 De Sallum Ave (East side of Street)

↳ (M.21-108)

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M: 21-185

Observatory Heights H.D.

Montgomery Co, MD

Tim Tamburrino

1/22/04

MD SHPO

MD 355

208 + 206 S. Frederick (S side, facing NW)

(M: 21-129)

G/O



EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

11th and 12th GRADES
11th and 12th GRADES SUNDAY SCHOOL
11th and 12th GRADES LUNCH SCHOOLS

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Observatory Heights H.D.

Montgomery Co, MD

Tim Tamburino

1/22/04

MD SHPO

Chapel of the Ascension, 201 S. Summit Ave

M:21-136 @ Intersection w/ S. Frederick Ave (MD 355)

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Observatory Heights H.D.

Montgomery Co, MD

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1/22/04

MD SHPO

Streetscape, South Side of Frederick Ave (MD 355)

106 & 102 S. Frederick

M: 21-126, M: 21-125

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NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒
no ☐

Property Name: Observatory Heights Historic District Inventory Number: M: 21-185

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Gaithersburg quad

Owner: Multiple Owners

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: 41 Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: _____ Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☒ yes Name: Thomas Reinhart Date: March 14, 2001

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility **not** recommended ☐

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ no ☐ yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Observatory Heights Survey District is composed of 69 major resources lying west of Frederick Avenue, along Cedar, Desellum Summit Avenues and on George and James Streets. The resources are predominantly residential, with only a few commercial structures. Of the 69 resources, 64 contribute to the potential district; 5 do not contribute. Although a period of significance has yet to be identified, the district's resources date primarily to the early-twentieth century. The contributing resources retain an high level of integrity.

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Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR program

Date

Date

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Observatory Heights Historic
Gaithersburg quad

Observatory Heights Historic District

2 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, subdivision 212, lot. 71
4 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, subdivision 212, lot 73
5 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, subdivision 212, lot 62
6 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, subdivision 212, lot 74
7 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, subdivision 212, lot 61
9 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, subdivision 212, lot 60
11 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, subdivision 212, lot 59
13 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, subdivision 212, lot 58
14 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, subdivision 212, lot 76
15 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, subdivision 212, lot 57
17 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, subdivision 212, lot 56
19 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, subdivision 212, lot 55
21 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, p. N 374
23 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, p. N 383
25 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, p. N 382
101 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, subdivision 212, lot 25
103 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, subdivision 212, lot 25
104 Cedar Avenue; Map FT51, p. N 380
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EDUCATION BOULEVARD

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Lumber & Supply
Co. Inc.
Plat 15116
6.55 Ac.
PAR. "A"

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SOUTH

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"A"

PARCEL "B"

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PARCEL "A"

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36.98 Ac.

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MONTGOMERY
FT 51

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EAST

CEDAR

AVENUE

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N 207

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SUMMIT

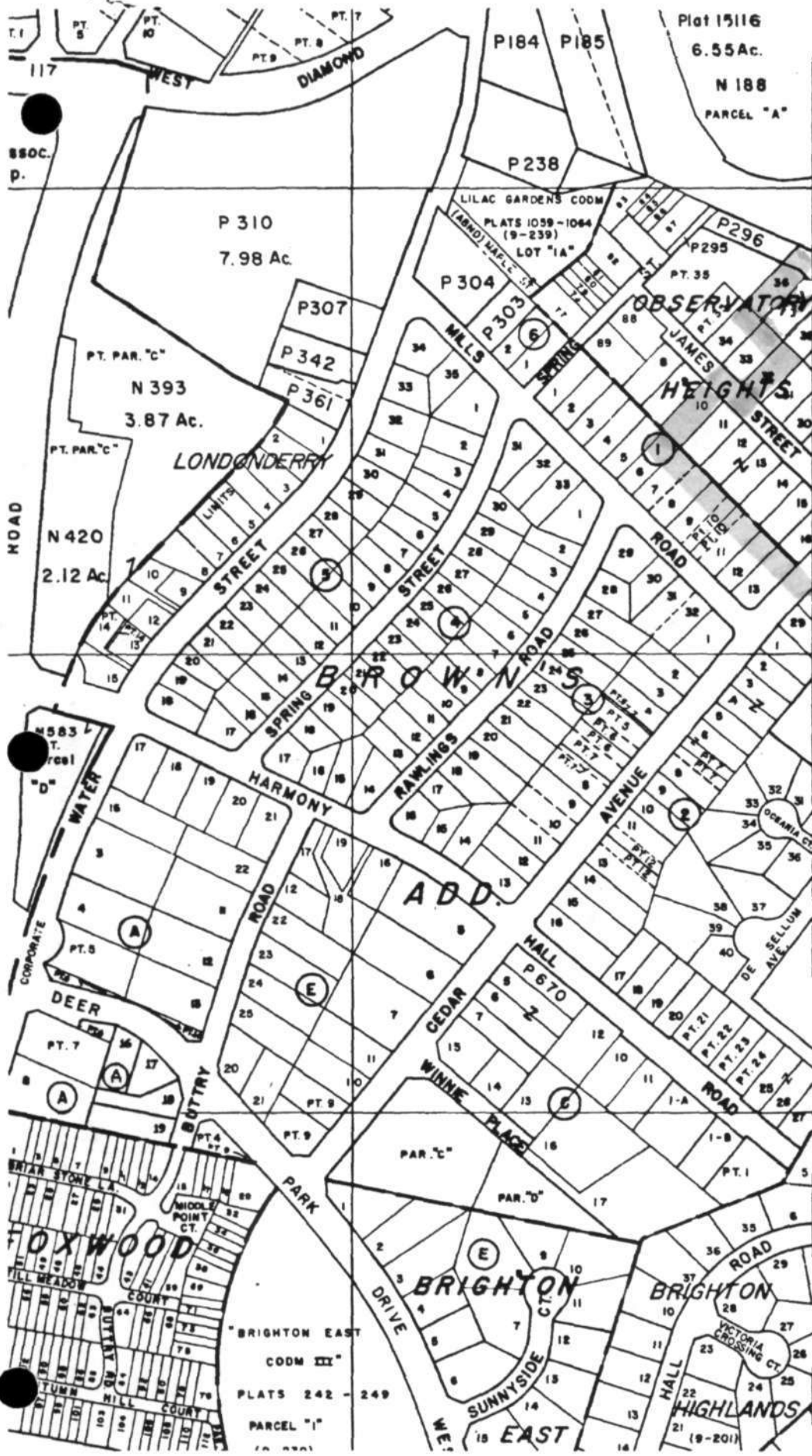
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